

***IN THE CLAIMS (AS AMENDED):***

Kindly amend claim 34 as follows:

34. (Once amended) A thermoplastic elastomer having A blocks and B blocks and being present in a solid state suitable for use as a binder for at least one of a propellant, explosive, and gasifier, the thermoplastic elastomer being formulated from a composition comprising, as constituents:

A blocks terminated with isocyanate-reactive groups derived from monomers comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of 3,3-bis(ethoxymethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(chloromethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(methoxymethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(fluoromethyl)oxetane), 3,3-bis(acetoxymethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(methoxyethoxymethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(iodomethyl)oxetane, 3,3-bis(nitratomethyl)oxetane), 3,3-bis(methylnitraminomethyl)oxetane, and 3,3-bis(azidomethyl)oxetane), the A blocks being crystalline below about 60°C;

B blocks terminated with isocyanate-reactive groups derived from monomers comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of 3-hydroxymethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-octoxymethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-chloromethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-azidomethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-iodomethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-propynomethylmethyloxetane, 3-nitratomethyl-3-methyloxetane, 3-methylnitraminomethyl-3-methyloxetane,

tetrahydrofuran, glycidyl azide, and glycidyl nitrate, the B blocks being amorphous above about -20°C; and

linking groups derived from at least one diisocyanate for end-capping the A blocks and the B blocks and at least one difunctional oligomer comprising two functional groups which are reactive with isocyanate moieties of the diisocyanate.